
MIE334 – Numerical Methods I

Lecture 14: Gauss-Seidel Method

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- G-S method shares the same issues as FPI:
 - Does not always converge
 - When it does, it can be slowly converging

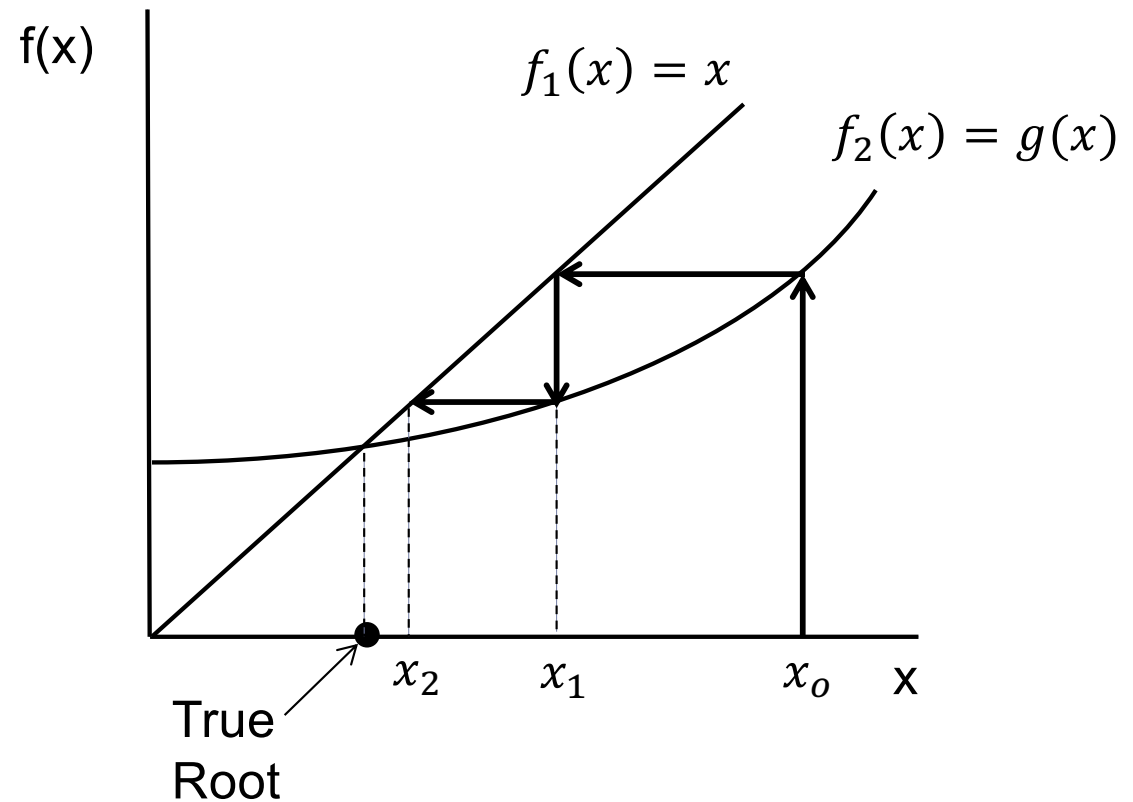
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- Recall: fixed-point iteration

$$\underbrace{x}_{f_1(x)} = \underbrace{g(x)}_{f_2(x)}$$

Convergence criteria:

$$|g'(x)| < 1$$



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- For systems of non-linear multivariable equations
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General convergence criteria:

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Solve partial derivatives:

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Substitute:

$$0 + \left| \frac{a_{12}}{a_{11}} \right| < 1 \text{ or } |a_{11}| > |a_{12}| \qquad \left| \frac{a_{21}}{a_{22}} \right| + 0 < 1 \text{ or } |a_{22}| > |a_{21}|$$

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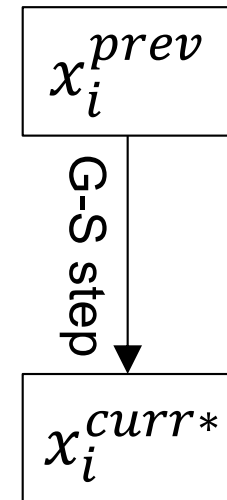
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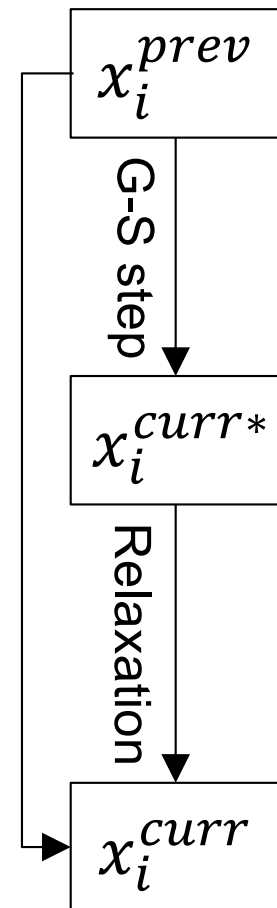
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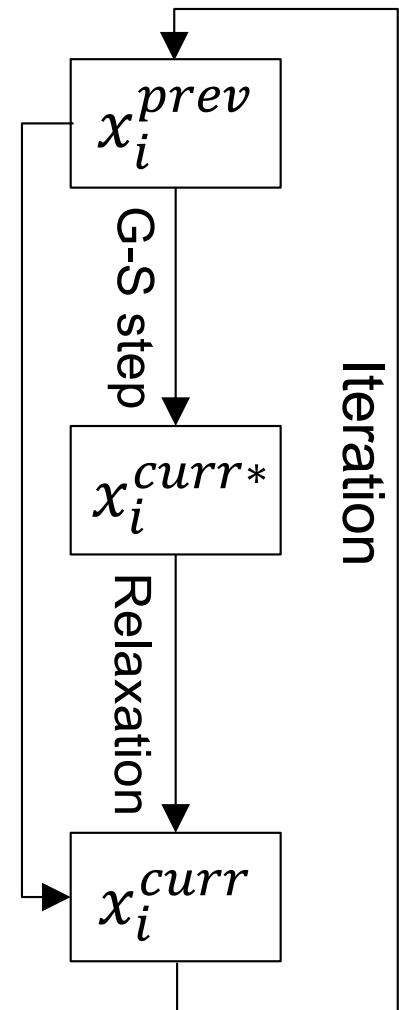
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 - Designed to accelerate the convergence

Gauss-Seidel: **Choice of λ**

$$x_i^{curr} = \lambda x_i^{curr*} + (1 - \lambda) x_i^{prev}$$

- The selection of λ is typically found empirically (trial and error)
- Very problem specific